

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and remarks submitted herein. Applicants have amended the specification to include a paragraph describing related applications and to claim the benefit of priority to such applications. Applicants also have amended the specification to include an Abstract. The attached Abstract corresponds to the Abstract that was published in the PCT application. In addition, claims 2-14, 16, 18, and 19 have been amended for clarification purposes and to remove the multiple dependencies. New claims 20 and 21 have been added, and support for new claims 20 and 21 can be found in original claims 2 and 18, respectively. No new matter has been introduced. Claims 1-21 are pending. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the above-referenced application.

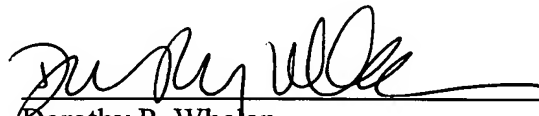
CONCLUSION

Applicants ask that claims 1-21 be examined. The enclosed filing fee takes into account the claims pending following entry of this Preliminary Amendment. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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